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1. INTRO AND SUMMARY. SEVERAL RECENT EVENTS HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE CONTINUING LEFT-RIGHT CONFLICT WITHIN SPD ORGANIZATIONS IN BAVARIA'S TWO LARGEST URBAN AREAS. LEFT-LEANING SPD SUBDISTRICT MUNICH HAS PROHIBITED FORMER SPD CITY COUNCIL FLOOR LEADER FROM HOLDING PARTY OFFICE UNTIL END OF 1978, WHILE SPD'S MODERATE FRANCONIAN DISTRICT, HEAD-QUARTERED IN NUERNBERG, HAS SUSPENDED PRO-BENNETTER JUSO LEADERS FROM HOLDING OFFICE FOR TWO YEARS. MEANWHILE, INCUMBENT MUNICH LORD MAYOR KRONAWITTER HAS ASKED SPD CHAIRMAN BRANDT TO EXCLUDE ALL ADVOCATES OF "STAMOKAP" POSITIONS FROM PARTY MEMBERSHIP. END SUMMARY.

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2. SPD SUBDISTRICT MUNICH. THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF SPD SUBDISTRICT MUNICH DECIDED JULY 25 TO PROHIBIT FORMER SPD MUNICH CITY COUNCIL LEADER HANS PREISSINGER FROM HOLDING ANY PARTY OFFICE BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1978. THE SAME COMMITTEE DECIDED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO TO ISSUE FORMAL REPRIMANDS TO JURGEN MARHUN AND ROLF-HELMUT PFEIFFER, TWO OTHER PROMINENT RIGHT WING

MEMBERS OF MUNICH SPD WHO WERE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY CASES.

3. SPD DISTRICT NUERNBERG. IN CONTRAST, SPD'S FRANCONIAN DISTRICT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED JULY 21 THAT THREE OF THE FIVE FORMER JUSO DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN FORBIDDEN TO HOLD ANY PARTY OFFICE FOR NEXT TWO YEARS. THE CASE AGAINST THE REMAINING TWO PRO-BENNETER JUSO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS IS STILL PENDING BECAUSE THEIR DEFENSE COUNCIL (RECHTSBEISTAND) WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.

4. KRONAWITTER-BRANDT. JULY 23-24 EDITIONS OF ALL MUNICH DAILIES REPORT THAT MUNICH LORD MAYOR KRONAWITTER HAS WRITTEN LETTER TO SPD CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT URGING HIM TO MAKE IT CLEAR IMMEDIATELY THAT "STOMOKAP" VIEWS AND BASIC PROVISIONS OF GOGESBERG PROGRAM ARE NOT REPEAT NOT RECONCILABLE. KRONAWITTER REPORTEDLY CALLED ON BRANDT TO TAKE STEPS TO EXCLUDE FROM SPD ALL THOSE WHO ADVOCATE "STAMOKAP" POSITIONS.

5. COMMENT. THE CONTRASTING DECISIONS OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEES OF THE MUNICH AND FRANCONIAN SPD ORGANIZATIONS ILLUSTRATE WHAT MUST SOMETIMES SEEM TO THE PUBLIC AS THE JANUS FACE OF THE SPD IN THE FRG. IN FACT, THE DOMINATING FORCES OF THE LEFT LEANING SPD SUBDISTRICT MUNICH ON ONE HAND AND THE MORE CENTREST SPD FRANCONIAN DISTRICT ON THE OTHER HAVE TAKEN THESE DISCIPLINARY MEASURES IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE THEIR RESPECTIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT A MORE UNIFIED IMAGE IN THE 1978 COMMUNAL AND BAVARIAN LANDTAG ELECTIONS.
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